

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9 and Claims 12-16 are active in the case.

Claim Amendments

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to conform with and to be consistent with the language of Claim 4 upon which the claims depend. The amendments do not change the scope of the claims. Further, Claim 13 has been amended in step (b) to clarify the sequence of the step of cooling of the solution and then diluting the solution with water. This sequence is in fact stated in Claim 11 as originally presented. Entry of the amendments into the record is respectfully requested.

It is now believed that the application is in condition for issue.


Respectfully submitted,

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